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A Detection of a Falſhood, endeavour'd to be impos'd on the Publick, in a Paper, entituled, *A* Teſt, *Offer'd to the Conſideration of the Electors of* Great-Britain.

The following Amendment to the Act for Enlarging the Time for taking the Oath of Abjuration, *&c. was ſent down by the Houſe of Lords to the Houſe of Commons*, Febr. 1702.

"AND for the further Security of Her Majeſty's Perſon, and the "Succeſſion of the Crown in the Proteſtant Line, and for "extinguiſhing the Hopes of the Pretended Prince of *Wales*, "and all other Pretenders, and their open and ſecret Abet- "tors; Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, "That if any Perſon or Perſons, at any time after the firſt "day of *March*, 1702. ſhall endeavour to deprive or hinder "any Perſon, who ſhall be the next in Succeſſion to the Crown "for the time being, according to the Limitations in an Act, entitl'd, *An "Act declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and ſettling the Succeſſion "of the Crown*; And according to one other Act, entitl'd, *An Act for the fur- "ther Limitation of the Crown, and better ſecuring the Rights and Liberties of the "Subject*, from ſucceeding after the Deceaſe of Her Majeſty (whom God long "preſerve) to the Imperial Crown of this Realm, and the Dominions and "Territories thereunto belonging, according to the Limitations in the be- "forementiond Acts; that is to ſay, ſuch Iſſue of Her Majeſty's Body, as ſhall "from time to time be next in Succeſſion to the Crown, if it ſhall pleaſe God "Almighty to bleſs Her Majeſty with Iſſue, and during the time Her Majeſty "ſhall have no Iſſue, the Princeſs *Sophia*, Electreſs and Ducheſs Dowager of *Ha- "nover*; and after the Deceaſe of the ſaid Princeſs *Sophia*, the next in Succeſſion "to the Crown for the time being, according to the Limitation of the ſaid Acts, "and the ſame maliciouſly, adviſedly and directly ſhall attempt by any Overt "Act or Deed: Every ſuch Offence ſhall be adjudged High-Treaſon, and the Of- "fender or Offenders therein, their Abettors, Procurers and Comforters, know- "ing the ſaid Offence to be done, being thereof convicted or attainted, accord- "ing to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, ſhall be deemed and adjudged "Traytors, and ſhall ſuffer Pains of Death, and all Loſſes and Forfeitures, as "in Caſes of High-Treaſon.

It appeareth by the Journal of the Houſe of Commons, to which Recourſe hath been had by Us, whoſe Names are hereunto ſubſcrib'd, and may be had by any other Perſon who deſires farther Satisfaction, that the aboveſaid Amendment (mark'd in the Journals *B*) was agreed to without any Diviſion. Whereby it appears, how falſly, and maliciouſly ſeveral Honourable and Worthy Gentlemen are reflected on as Enemies to the Proteſtant Succeſſion in the Illuſtrious Houſe of *Hanover*, whoſe Names are inſerted in the above-mention'd Teſt, as having, upon the Diviſion of the Houſe, given their Negatives to the ſaid Amendment.

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